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SUBJECT: Offshore Island Situation

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General

Meanwhile, in Taipei Nationalist officials warned that the Communist "air buildup" along the China coast would give Peiping control of the air over Formosa "within six weeks." These officials complain that the US is sending jet aircraft to Formosa in "twos and fives" while the Russians are supplying them to the Chinese Communists in "twenties and hundreds."

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Matsus:

Nothing unusual to report.

Quemoy

On 14 March two Chinese Nationalist planes made strafing runs at three small Communist patrol vessels and seven motorized junks in the west harbor of Wuyu, an island just off the coast about 10 miles south of Amoy. This action was reported in the Nationalist press yesterday as "turning back" a fleet of 70 vessels headed for Quemoy.

Weather

Forecast for the next 48 hours is for partly cloudy with morning fog patches. Winds are NE 8-14 knots, seas slight to moderate.

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